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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 13 and 21; add new claims 25-36; and cancel claims 12 and 24 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A flashlight ~~configured for potential use by a user in conjunction with other activities performed by the user's hand contacting the flashlight, the flashlight~~ comprising:

a handle portion;

a first member having a first end and a second end, said first end connected to said handle portion; and

a lightbox connected to said second end, said lightbox having a light source capable of emitting a directional light beam, said light source is movable relative to said first member to direct the directional light beam in various directions relative to said first member; and

~~wherein said lightbox is movable relative to said handle portion, and~~

~~an a hand receiving~~ opening defined between said handle portion, said first member and said lightbox, said hand receiving opening adapted to receive a portion of the user's hand.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 1, wherein said lightbox is swivelable relative to said first member.

4. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 1, wherein said handle portion is ~~rotatable~~ pivotable in a plane substantially transverse to said first member.

5. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 4, wherein said lightbox is

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rotatable relative to said first member, said lightbox having a longitudinal axis and being rotatable about said axis.

6. (Currently amended) A flashlight ~~configured for use with a firearm~~, comprising;
a handle member adapted to be in contact with a person's hand ~~while assuming a two-handed firearm shooting position~~;
a lightbox connected to said handle member, said lightbox having a light source capable of emitting a directional light beam, said light source positionable relative to said handle member to adjust both ~~the~~ vertical and horizontal direction of a the directional light beam ~~emanating from said lightbox and the horizontal direction of the directional light beam~~; and
a hand strap attached to said handle member, said hand strap adapted to secure said handle member to the person's hand.

7. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 6, wherein said lightbox is positionable relative to said handle member at two discrete locations.

8. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 7, wherein a first of said discrete locations is provided at a connection between said lightbox and a first member connected to said handle member.

9. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 8, wherein a second of said discrete locations is positioned at a connection between said handle member and said first member.

10. (Currently amended) A flashlight ~~for potential use by a user in conjunction with other activities performed by the user's hand contacting the flashlight~~, the flashlight comprising;
a handle portion connected to a lightbox by a transverse member, said handle portion movable relative to said ~~lightbox~~; lightbox, said lightbox comprising a battery receiving portion and a light source; and

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a switch positioned for depression with a thumb of the user's hand while the hand contacts said handle portion.

11. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 10, wherein said switch is provided on said transverse member.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A flashlight, comprising:
a handle portion;
a first member connected to said handle portion; and
a lightbox connected to said first member, said lightbox having a battery receiving portion and a light source, wherein said handle portion, said first member and said lightbox form a substantially inverted U-shaped configuration defining a hand receiving opening adapted to receive a portion of a user's hand.

wherein at least one of said lightbox and said handle portion is movable relative to said first member.

14. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein both said lightbox and said handle portion are movable relative to said first member.

15. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein said lightbox is rotatable to indexed positions relative to said first member.

16. (Previously presented) The flashlight of claim 13, wherein said handle portion is pivotable to fixed positions relative to said first member.

17-20. (Canceled)

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21. (Currently amended) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
an assembly including a light-emitting portion ~~and~~ adjustably connected to a handle portion, said light-emitting portion capable of emitting a directional light beam and said light-emitting portion being directionally adjustable relative to said handle portion to adjust the vertical and horizontal directions ~~direction~~ of the directional light beam ~~is adjustable~~ relative to said handle portion; and

a strap attached to said assembly, said strap and said assembly forming an opening therebetween adapted to receive a portion of a user's hand.

22. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 21, wherein said strap is connected to said assembly at a first location and a second location.

23. (Previously presented) The flashlight apparatus of claim 22, wherein said first and second locations are on said handle portion.

24. (Canceled)

25. (New) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
a lightbox having a battery receiving portion and a light source, said light source capable of emitting a directional light beam;
a handle portion spatially separated from said lightbox;

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a first member having first and second ends, said first end connected to said handle portion and said second end connected to said lightbox; and

said light source being directionally adjustable relative to said handle portion such that when said handle portion is in a substantially vertical orientation, said light source is adjustable to emit a directional light beam in one of a plurality of horizontal directions.

26. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 25, wherein said light source is directionally adjustable through 180 degrees of rotation.

27. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 25, wherein said light source is directionally adjustable through 360 degrees of rotation.

28. (New) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
an assembly including a light-emitting portion, a handle portion and a first member, said light-emitting portion connected to said handle portion via said first member, said light-emitting portion is movable relative to said handle portion and capable of emitting a directional light beam;

said assembly having a first position in which said first member and said handle portion define a first plane and said light-emitting portion is substantially parallel with said first plane;
and

said assembly having a second position in which said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said first plane,

wherein in said first position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially parallel with said first plane and in said second position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially transverse to said first plane.

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29. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a switch positioned on said first member.

30. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, wherein said handle portion is pivotably connected to said first member.

31. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 30, wherein said light-emitting portion is rotatably connected to said first member.

32. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a hand strap attached to said assembly, said hand strap adapted to secure said assembly to a person's hand.

33. (New) A flashlight apparatus comprising:
an assembly including a lightbox interconnected to a handle portion, said lightbox comprising a battery receiving portion and a light-emitting portion, said light-emitting portion is movable relative to said handle portion and capable of emitting a directional light beam;
said assembly having a first position in which said battery receiving portion and said handle portion define a first plane and said light-emitting portion is substantially parallel with said first plane; and
said assembly having a second position in which said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said first plane,
wherein in said first position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially parallel with said first plane and in said second position a directional light beam may be emitted in a direction substantially transverse to said first plane.

34. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 33, further comprising:
a first member, said lightbox connected to said first member and said handle portion pivotably connected to said first member; and

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said assembly having a third position in which said battery receiving portion and said first member define a second plane and said pivotable handle portion is non-coplanar with the second plane.

35. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 34, wherein said light-emitting portion is substantially transverse to said battery receiving portion.

36. (New) The flashlight apparatus of claim 34, wherein said lightbox is rotatably connected to said first member.